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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM EAGR

SUBJECT: PL 480 TITLE I PROGRAMS AND HUMAN RIGHTS:
PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: STATE 302638 (NOTAL)

1. IN RESPONSE TO A NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE OF DECEMBER 18
TEXT OF WHICH HAS BEEN SENT BY USIA WIRELESS FILE TO NEA,
AF, EA, AND ARA, THE FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE
WAS PREPARED FOR THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN BUT WAS NOT USED.
TEXT OF GUIDANCE: - -

Q. -- IS IT TRUE THAT WHEN A COUNTRY ACCEPTS THE NEW HUMAN
RIGHTS CLAUSE IN A PL 480 AGREEMENT, IT IN EFFECT ACKNOW-
LEDGES THAT IT VIOLATES HUMAN RIGHTS AS THE U.S. DEFINES
THEM?

A. -- NO. INCLUSION OF THE PROVISION IN QUESTION IN PL 480
AGREEMENTS IS DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT THE FOOD OR THE
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PROCEEDS FROM ITS SALE BENEFIT NEEDY PEOPLE, NOT TO
CONSTITUTE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

Q. -- HAVEN'T ONLY HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATORS BEEN ASKED TO
AGREE TO THE NEW PROVISION?

A. -- STATE, AID AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ARE
COMPLYING WITH THE NEW LEGISLATION CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS
AND PL 480 BY SEEKING TO INCLUDE THE NEW PROVISION IN THE
BY 78, PL 480 AGREEMENTS WITH CERTAIN COUNTRIES AS TO
WHICH THERE ARE SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS. IN ASKING
THESE COUNTRIES TO AGREE TO THE NEW PROVISION, WE ARE NOT
SEEKING AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

Q. -- WHAT COUNTRIES HAVE YOU ASKED TO AGREE TO THE NEW
PROVISION?

A. -- SINCE WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING THESE
AGREEMENTS, WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO COMMENT ON THE
NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL THEY HAVE ALL BEEN CONCLUDED.

POSTS ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE THIS GUIDANCE IN RESPONDING

TO QUESTIONS WHICH MAY ARISE ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY
OF THE STATE OF PLAY WITH REGARD TO FY 1978 PL 480
TITLE I NEGOTIATIONS IN ALL COUNTRIES:

AGREEMENTS SIGNED: ISRAEL, INDONESIA, EGYPT, GUINEA.

AGREEMENTS ABOUT TO BE SIGNED: AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN,
SUDAN.

NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS: BANGLADESH, INDIA, MOROCCO,
SRI LANKA, ZAIRE, JORDAN, KOREA, PERU, GUYANA.

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PL 480 PROGRAMS APPROVED BY INTER-AGENCY STAFF COMMITTEE
BUT FOR WHICH NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT YET AUTHORIZED:
HONDURAS, SOMALIA, TUNISIA (THESE ARE PENDING NAC APPROVAL
AND THIRD COUNTRY CONSULTATIONS).

PROGRAMS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION: SIERRA LEONE, TANZANIA,
ZAMBIA, JAMAICA, LEBANON, PORTUGAL, SYRIA, BOLIVIA.

3. ALSO FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY, LANGUAGE INTENDED TO
COMPLY WITH SECTION 112 AS AMENDED OF TITLE I OF THE
AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND ASSISTANCE ACT APPLYING HUMAN
RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS TO PL 480 TITLE I PROGRAMS IS
PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION OR HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN AGREEMENTS
FOR THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES: INDONESIA (IN SIDE LETTER),
GUINEA, KOREA, SOMALIA, ZAIRE, PHILIPPINES, BANGLADESH.
THE QUESTION OF INCLUSION OF SIMILAR LANGUAGE IN SOME
OTHER AGREEMENTS IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. VANCE

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